

GIVES 10 DIMES FOR 10 CHILDREN

Patriotic Widow Hands \$1.20 Over to Help Build the America.

PREPAREDNESS DAY BRINGS MANY GIFTS

Newspapers in Many States Report New Subscriptions—Marjorie Guest at Parade.

While 145,000 people paraded through the streets of New York City yesterday to show their feeling for preparedness the wires of the United States hummed with reports of increased lists of contributors to the battle fund started by Marjorie Stretcher. Newspapers in Washington, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and California sent telegraph messages telling that hundreds of new subscribers had contributed hundreds of dollars more.

Chief among those who have done unusual work for the future U. S. S. America are in the patriotic state of Connecticut. "The Norwalk Hour," "The Waterbury American," "The Norwalk Sentinel" and "The Torrington News." These diligent workers of the country's good have greatly swollen the records of sacrificing helpers of Uncle Sam.

From "The Harrisburg Telegraph" also came a report telling of Mrs. Elizabeth Sullivan, a patriotic little mother whose home is in Chicago. Mrs. Sullivan entered the office of the newspaper in Pennsylvania's capital and with trembling hand held out \$1.20 for the battle fund collection from her ten children, Joseph Theodore, Jeremiah Sylvester, John Grover, Frank, Cleveland, Valentine, Paul, William, Elizabeth and Mary.

"In honor of my dear husband," she said and walked away.

In Peaskill last week was formed the U. S. S. America Adult Battle Club. A full staff of officers will include a commander, lieutenant commander, lieutenants, junior and senior grades; ship's secretary, paymaster and more than a score of citizens, who are able bodied seamen, runners, etc.

It is the intention of the founders to affiliate with other city clubs and, under a secretary of their own private navy, to have appointed national admirals, rear admirals and other functionaries.

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HOUSE ASKS ABOUT ARREST

Questions Wilson in Case of S. Schwartz, American, Seized by British. Washington, May 13.—Representative Bennett's resolution requesting President Wilson to tell the House what has been done to secure the release of Emanuel Schwartz, of New York City, a naturalized American citizen, "alleged to be unjustly deprived of his liberty by the British government," was taken from the Foreign Affairs Committee to-day and adopted by the House, without dissent.

A report prepared at the State Department was to have gone to the Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday, but was delayed. It calls attention to a doubt regarding Schwartz's claim to American citizenship and gives representations made to Great Britain on his behalf.

Vermont Beats Mass.-Aggies.

Rurlington, Vt., May 13.—The University of Vermont track team won the dual meet with Massachusetts State Agricultural College to-day by the score of 73 to 53.

MERE MAN'S WARNING TO EXPERIENCED WOMAN

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with threads of silk woven in to give lustre. While the investigators were there a man entered and endeavored to buy a pair of socks on display in the window. He didn't succeed. The salesman refused to supply them. They were window bait.

At the Horowitz end of the split partnership, 101 West Forty-second street, "Special Values" was the lure held forth in the window. "Pure silk stockings" were being sacrificed at 29 cents.

"These are perfect," said the clerk, "not seconds, as you usually find in cheap hosiery."

The clerk was mistaken, to put it on a charitable basis. The stockings are seconds, having defective splicing. As such they are worth perhaps 17 cents.

Another good place not to buy stockings without caution is "The Imperial," at 76 West Twenty-third Street, run by a Mr. Solomon, who carries on his business card the legend, "Always Something New," and makes good the claim in his orthography, which describes his business as "Neckwear and Hosiery." Mr. Solomon's window-signs are bad and his merchandise worse. A pair of his "ladies' pure silk stockings," at 35 cents, are seconds; nine-tenths loaded fibre silk, and should sell at 25 cents. Another example of his "hosiery" purchased by The Tribune is "pure thread silk" stockings, in perfect condition, and "very special" at the price of 50 cents. These are silk, except the top, which is cotton. As to their quality, the appraiser refuses to compliment them to the extent of calling them seconds. "They're about ninths," he says.

Modesty is not one of the defects of D. Price & Co., at Sixth Avenue and Eighteenth Street. Their \$15 suits, so they assure the public, "in service and appearance positively equal those sold elsewhere at \$20 to \$25." It is the old game of 2+2=5—if you can get your public to believe it. The Tribune Bureau of Investigations, having frequently disproved the formula, has quite lost faith in it; but, nevertheless, gave D. Price & Co.'s version a fair trial. The Price saleswoman, however, was not as bold as the Price advertising; \$18 to \$20 was as high as she would go in the matter of valuation at first. Later, being pressed hard on the \$25 claim, she produced a suit of which she said that the regular price had been \$21.95. The ticket didn't back her up. It specified \$16.95 as the former price. In fact, none of the tags examined by the investigators with former price marks on them showed values of \$20, let alone \$25. The suit was bought and a request made that the ticket be left on.

"I can't do that," said she. "Both tickets have to be turned in at the office."

So, by the exercise of a little strategy while the saleswoman's back was turned the investigators secured a ticket from a similar suit. (The Tribune will produce the investigator if D. Price & Co. wish to make a charge of larceny.) Thus there came to light a singular fact. Upon the ticket is this legend:

"This ticket must accompany garment if returned for credit or alteration."

Yet the very document which "must accompany" any request for adjustment is refused to a purchaser, even upon request. The system undoubtedly has its advantages, but they seem to be mostly on the side of the store.

The suit, at its top valuation, is not worth \$21.95, nor \$20. On a liberal estimate it is worth the \$15 paid for it, though better suits may be purchased elsewhere at that price.

For Mere Man to tell Experienced Woman how to shop, or not to shop, savors of the recklessness of such as rush in where angels fear to tread, or the impertinence of him who would instruct his revered ancestress in the gentle art of extracting sustenance from the domestic eggs by applying a simple and well known principle of physics. Nevertheless, since fake women's stores exist, it follows that there must be women who shop therein. To them, then, I address my well-meant adjuration: Let them, when they are confronted by stentorian claims of "value" and "bargains," rapidly shifting prices and the art of the clerk who wheedles or bullies or bluffs in order to make the sale:

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PRIMARY FAILURE CUMMINS ADMITS

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FAVORS MASS VOTE, IGNORING STATE LINES

Senator's Friends Point Out That He Has Not Yet Met Rivals in Primary.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)

Washington, May 13.—The preferential primary has proved an absolute failure, in the opinion not only of the

stalwarts who opposed it just as they opposed the direct election of Senators and woman suffrage, but also of the progressive element, who thought it would end most of the unfairness of national conventions.

Senator Albert B. Cummins, of Iowa, who might be expected to endorse the Presidential primary, not only because he is a progressive and favors the initiative and referendum, but because as a candidate for the Republican nomination he has gathered quite a few delegates under the primary system, concedes that it is a lamentable failure.

"It is a failure this year, in that it has failed to determine the views of the people by any real contests between men seriously considered for the nomination," he said, "and I am afraid that it will never amount to anything until it is radically changed. It should be nationwide, ignoring state lines. There should be a mass vote, and the voters of each party throughout the entire country should indicate their preference."

Candidate Should Enter Fight.

"A candidate should be obliged to enter the fight. There should be no such thing as a state sending a delegation pledged to its favorite son, and then withdrawing that delegation and sending a purely perfunctory vote in which perhaps several of the most prominent candidates did not go before the people."

Friends of Senator Cummins pointed out that so far in the primaries this year, although more than half the delegates have been selected, the Senator has not had a contest with any of his formidable rivals. The first one will be the Oregon primary, where Cummins and Burton will contest for the leadership. The only thing approaching a fight so far has been between Senator Cummins and Ford, of Nebraska, and Ford and Senator Smith, of Michigan. Most of the primaries have been of no political significance whatever, so far as determining which of two men the voters preferred for President in connection.

Favorite Sons Avoid Fights.

Of the candidates most prominently mentioned for the actual nomination—Hughes, Roosevelt and Root—not one has permitted the use of his name in a primary. On the other hand, the favorite sons have virtually had an understanding not to poach on each other's preserves. Senator Cummins did not make a race in Illinois because Senator Sherman, a favorite son, was a candidate. Yet to have carried Illinois, a great pivotal state, would have made the candidacy of Senator Cummins formidable.

Neither Sherman nor Cummins made the race in Indiana or Ohio. Fairbanks, who carried Indiana, and Burton, who carried Ohio, stayed out of the Illinois and Iowa primaries. Even in a state not boosting a favorite son, such as Nebraska, the mere entry of Senator Cummins into the race kept the other favorite sons out.

Insult to Car Tempts Speeder.

James J. Power, twenty-three years old, of 463 Third Avenue, Astoria, was fined \$25 yesterday by Magistrate Fitch in the Flushing Police Court for speeding. Power was driving a Buick car, which he called his "piece of cheese."

Army and Navy Orders; Movements of Warships

(From The Tribune Bureau.)

Washington, May 13.

ARMY.

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